



What's Up

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Section II Newsletter

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News From National

**National Executive Committee
(NEC) Meetings**

September 12, 2008 - Washington,
D.C.

December 5, 2008 - Washington,
D.C.

February 18, 2009 - Washington,
D.C.

June 19, 2009 - New Orleans, LA

**What ideas do you have
for Blogs?**

**What ideas do you have
for getting support from
government leaders?**

El Paso Chapter is Approved

Goals and Objectives:

Your first report due is the "Goals and Objectives" you have set for yourself in the upcoming year. This includes how you will help your existing chapters, develop new chapters, etc; this report was due **July 15**. If you're not too sure where to start or if you would like to see examples of what previous RVPs have submitted, just let me know and I'll get that information out to you. If you have not sent them to me please to so with the **September** reports.

The quarterly reports are due as follows:

First Quarter: September 30, 2008

Second Quarter: December 31, 2008

Third Quarter: March 31, 2009

Fourth Quarter: May 31, 2009

Please send a copy of all reports to

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- Karmen Stockman, SVPRS Section II – karmen.stockman@modot.mo.gov
- Your RVP-Elect and RVP-Elect Designate (if known); your Immediate Past RVP; see next page
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If you have any questions, just let me know! RVPs can be innovative in what you think and do. We need to focus on advancing government accountability. Ask the questions: What do we need to be focused on? What does AGA need to do?

Look for upcoming information about our Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM):

- Bring more people with you
- Let me know what you thought about the last SLM
- Have you found your RVP-Elect designate (application will need to be submitted on or before **Friday, Oct. 24, 2008**)

Section – II Conference Call: September

- Discuss Plans
- Monthly Conference Calls
- Regional Coordinators

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2008-2009
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SVPRS's Message

I'm so excited about my second year as your Senior Vice-President for Regional Services - Section II. Section II includes the Midwestern, South Central, Southwestern and Texas-Oklahoma regions. My goal for the year is to provide the Regional Vice President's and their team with education and support to help them be effective, creative and awesome RVPs. I want to help each one of you achieve the Platinum or Gold RVP award.

These awards are centered on:

- Submitting reports
- Chapter status
- Communication with the chapters and regional coordinators
- Accountability - promote and advance accountability in government
- Certification - make the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) the preferred professional designation in government accountability community.
- Education and Research - provide comprehensive education and research to meet the changing needs of the government accountability profession.
- Service - provide members and customers with quality programs, products and services
- Chapter Development - Promote Chapter leadership and strategic planning
- Other goals and objectives

I plan to provide updates and support to the RVP team through monthly conference calls, quarterly newsletters and emails as needed.

Your Senior Vice President for Regional Services (SVPRSs) represents the membership from their respective sections and hold a special position that is "National" on one level because they serve on the National Executive Committee, but "Regional" on another level because they oversee the regional teams for their section. Additional responsibilities include:

- **Attending Sectional Leadership Meetings** - Each SVPRS will attend his/her section's SLM and represent AGA National.
- **Submitting Quarterly Reports to the NEC** - Each SVPRSs receives reports from the RVPs and turns them into quarterly written Sectional Reports for the NEC. The Section Report summarizes the RVP reports and highlights any noteworthy accomplishments and/or problems or concerns. SVPRSs should include their perspectives about each region. During the quarterly NEC meeting, the SVPRSs will be asked to provide a verbal update of their report.
- **Coordinate Sectional Leadership Meeting** - Each SVPRS will be asked to help develop the agenda for their SLM.
- **Lead a Session at the Chapter Leadership Meetings** - SVPRSs may be asked to coordinate a session with their RVP teams and chapter officers at some time during AGA Business Meetings at the PDC.

Staff Liaison: Director of Chapter Operations

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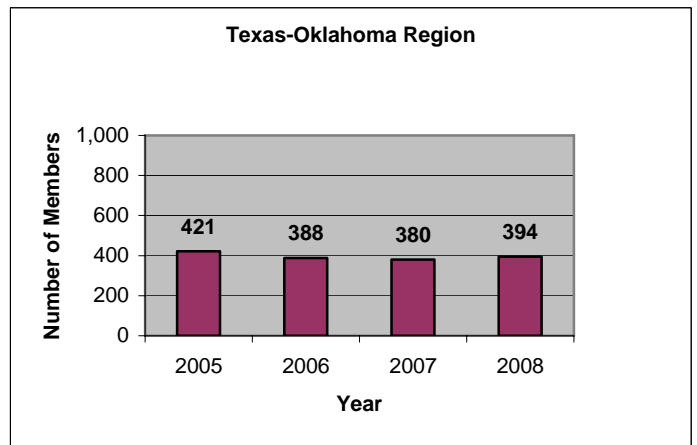
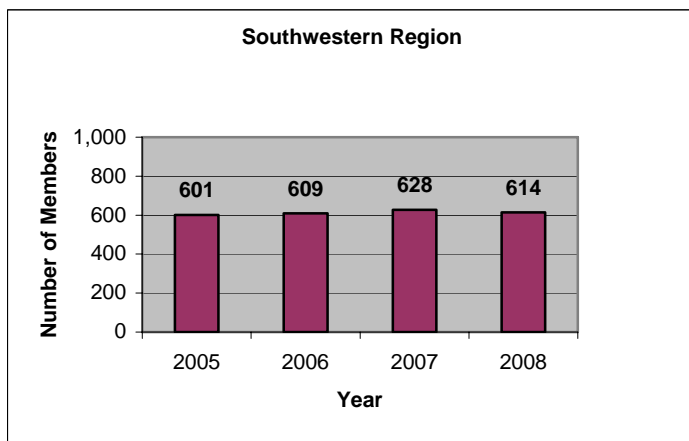
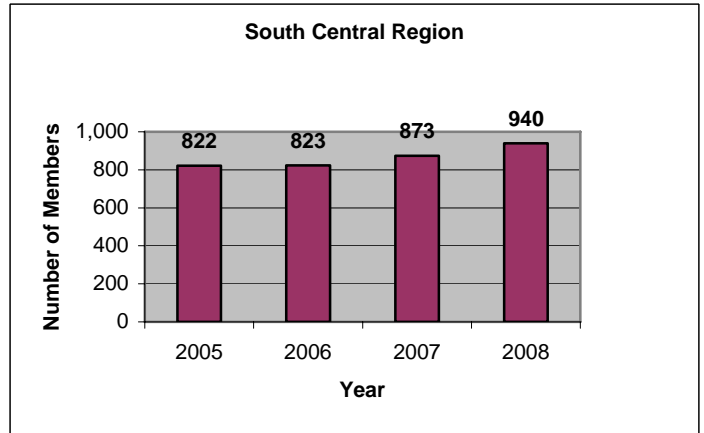
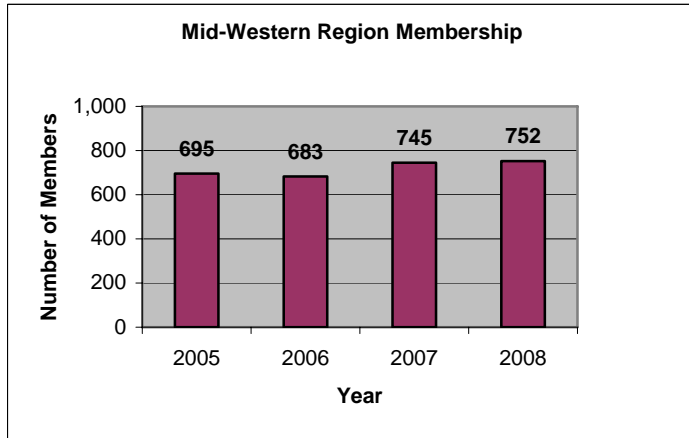
Below is a listing of all the Chapters in Section II – help me – please send me names of Chapter Presidents and President-Elect.

AGA SECTIONS, REGIONS AND CHAPTERS					Number of Members			
SECTION II	MID-WESTERN		Janice Jensen	Tim Baker		07-08 Award	06-07 Award	05-06 Award
	Des Moines	S	Valerie Wedgeworth	Cynthia Weber	58	Platinum	Gold	Platinum
	Kansas City	S	Chuck Koelsch	James Kirk	148	Silver	Silver	
	Lincoln	S	Tim Baker	Don Arp	59	Platinum	Platinum	Gold
	Mid-Missouri	S	Mark Runyan	Dwayne Rasmussen	305	Platinum	Platinum	Platinum
	Omaha Metro Area	N	Catherine Demes Maydew	Cindy Miserez	31		Bronze	
	St. Louis	MR	Anita Santiago		38	Bronze		
	The Ozarks	N	Deb Gillenwaters	Teresa Allen	18	Chpt Rec	Bronze	Chpt Rec
	Topeka	S	Larry Barrett	Marti Leisinger	85	Platinum	Platinum	Platinum
	8				742			
	SOUTH CENTRAL		Sue Seab	Donald Bellcock				
	Baton Rouge	S	Lisa Tillery		141	Platinum		Platinum
	Central Arkansas	S	Kathryn Roberts		211	Bronze	Platinum	Platinum
	Jackson	S	Eric Omerza	Lynda Dutton	113		Bronze	Platinum
	Montgomery	S	Pamela Hill	Kathleen Baxter	376	Platinum	Bronze	Platinum
	New Orleans	S	Marcie A. Tureaud	Amanda L. Green	91	Gold	Silver	
	West Central Mississippi	N			8		Chpt Rec	
	6				940			
	SOUTHWESTERN		Karla Gomez-Meyer	Glennon Struempf				
	Albuquerque	S	Javier Machuca		53	Chpt Rec		
	Denver	S	Doug Griffen		151		Bronze	Gold
	New Mexico	S	Bryan Maestas		206		Gold	Platinum
	Phoenix	S	Lynn Davis		204	Gold	Gold	
	4				614			
	TEXAS-OKLAHOMA		Helene Baker	Carol McFarland				
	Austin	S	Kimberly R. Emmerich	Eddie Chan	97	Gold	Silver	
	Dallas	S	John Trubey		154	Platinum	Platinum	Platinum
	Ft. Worth	S	Robert H Kanaga		32		Silver	Gold
	Houston	MR	-----	-----	23			
	Oklahoma City	S	Vonna Kaye Anderson		51	Silver	Bronze	
	San Antonio	N	Darrell Wagner	Gwendolyn Sewell	37	Gold	Platinum	
	6				394			
	24				2,857			

Sectional Leadership Meeting – Mark Your Calendar (possible dates)

- April 17
- April 24
- **May 1** (This will most likely be the date for Section II)

Regional Membership



Executive Summary of Section II

Section II has two regions, the Midwestern and the Texas-Oklahoma that are off to a great start. The RVP's have been conducting regional conference calls and determining the pulse each of the chapters in the regions.

My objective for the next quarter is to conduction conference calls will the RVP teams to discuss ways to make their RVP year successful and to help each of the chapters succeed.

The Southwestern and South-central are off to a slower start. The South Central Regional RVP, Sue Seab, has declined to carry out her term as RVP and Kay Debenedetto has agreed to take her place. Both are from the Baton Rouge chapter. I have had teleconferences with both regions. Members in the Baton Rouge and New Orleans chapters spent the week before Labor Day preparing for Gustav. Hopefully, Gustav did not cancel any meetings, seminars or conferences. I will report on that later.

SLM feedback by RVPs:

- Overall the SLM did not provide enough networking. Maybe mix up the audience a bit during the general sessions and have them take seats at other tables with others they do not know for an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon.
- Chapter Representatives of Programs and Community Events need to be invited to the SLM as these are the folks that struggle and get the events together for the chapter recognition points. They also become the next leaders.

The Lincoln Nebraska Chapter is very excited to welcome 39 new members from the Nebraska State Auditor's Office. The chapter has had strong support of State Auditor Mike Foley and his staff is joining. The chapter membership total is now 102. Lincoln Chapter President, Tim Baker, was interviewed by Chris Camara. This article should be in September 8 issue of Topics.

In Section II, the number of chapter receiving awards decreased from 83 percent in 2006-2007 year to 71 percent in 2007-2008. I would like to have the percent back in the 83 percent or higher range. There were five chapters that received awards in 2006-2007, but didn't receive any in 2007-2008. One was even at the gold level. Section II's goal is to get this number to 92 percent. On a good note, the chapters receiving the platinum and gold awards went up from 9 to 11.

Section II Chapter Awards	07-08 Award	06-07 Award
Platinum	7	6
Gold	4	3
Silver	2	4
Bronze	2	6
Chapter Recognition	2	1
Number of Awards	17	20
Number of Chapters	24	24
% Chapters Receiving Awards	0.708333	0.833333

Mid-Western

RVP— Janice Jenson, CGFM
RVP Elect— Tim Baker
RVP Elect designate—
Past RVP— Walt Darling

This region has eight chapters. Five chapters are considered strong: Des Moines, Lincoln, Topeka, Kansas City and Mid-Missouri. The Omaha Chapter and Ozark chapter are rated somewhat successful. The St. Louis chapter is inactive but revitalization is under way and received the bronze chapter award because of the efforts of president, Anita Santiago and Chapter Development RC, Cathy Long. Cathy also received the RC award for these efforts. The RVP and RVP-elect have meet with the Omaha Metro Chapter new president to infuse some excitement.

All the chapters did well in submitting their plans by the changed July 15 due date this year. Regional team reminded chapters of the earlier date and they rose to the occasion. Also doing well with submitting the reports due 90 days after Chapter's year end, that being financial review/audit and annual report of accomplishments/history report. Mid-Missouri is undergoing re-grouping due to chapter President termination in July, but seems to continue to be strong.

Regional team is re-structuring after resignation of Membership & Early Careers Regional Coordinator. We are separating the RC position and already have Early Careers RC with Melinda Richter from Topeka Chapter. Currently working on Membership RC with two individuals who have stepped forward, one from Mid-Missouri and the other from Lincoln. We are entertaining co-RC for this position to make sure we have full coverage of this important area. RVP is working on getting Regional newsletter published this fall. Monthly regional conference calls are well attended by basically each chapter with at least one representative chapter leader.

Feedback for NEC:

Our region feels strongly the regional structure needs to include a Regional Coordinator for Communications which is also recognized up through the National governance structure. If the regional team is to provide a successful link, a Communications RC is integral to provide more one-on-one with chapters seeking to improve on such communications as newsletters and websites.

Suggestion:

Something to make submission of various plans and reports easier would be to provide specific distribution instructions in the CRP as to who to send each plan to at National. Do something similar to the RVP quarterly status report by including the distribution list in the CRP reporting guidelines. Also, chapter leaders in our region are unclear who all to send their

newsletters to at National and even within the region, so having more specific information in the CRP form or guidelines will provide the details we've been struggling with this summer.

Southwestern

RVP— Karla Gomez-Meyer, CGFM
RVP Elect— Glennon Strumph
RVP Elect designate—
Past RVP— Janet Pacheco-Morton, CGFM

This region has four chapters consisting of Albuquerque, Phoenix, Denver and New Mexico Chapter.

No RVP Report submitted at this time, but SVPRS has made contact with RVP and RVP-elect by conference call. The RVP team was going to conduct a conference with the chapter presidents to establish goals and objectives. I have not heard the results of that call.

Texas-Oklahoma

RVP— Helene Baker, CGFM
RVP Elect— Carol McFarland
RVP Elect designate—
Past RVP— Shad Sanders

This region has four chapters consisting of Austin, Dallas, Ft. Worth and Oklahoma City that are considered strong. San Antonio is in the nurturing class and Houston is under major revitalization.

All chapters have programs and officer listings in except for Oklahoma City. They did not provide their slate of officers. Helene called and the President was trying to confirm all with their officers. It is the old slate for now.

San Antonio AGA Chapter started their year early in August with a joint AGA luncheon with Certified Internal Auditors San Antonio Chapter. So they are off to a strong start.

Fort Worth Chapter is having National sponsor an executive luncheon Tuesday August 26, 2008 and hoping to stir up support of upper management. Will report more as year goes on.

El Paso is not yet up and running. According to Bobby this may happen on September 2d. Bobby is to keep Helen informed.

South Central

RVP— Kay Debenedetto
RVP Elect— Donald Bellcock
RVP Elect designate—
Past RVP— Bob Broughton

The region has five chapters that are considered strong, Baton Rouge, Central Arkansas, Jackson, Montgomery and New Orleans. The West Central Mississippi Chapter is classified as nurturing.

No RVP Report submitted at this time, but SVPRS has made contact with RVP and RVP-elects by conference call. Gustuv hampered this conference call. Kay, the RVP was without power and didn't attend. Peggy Javery, past, past RVP, was working out of Dallas. I did talk to her; the New Orleans chapter appears to be doing well. They have a full slate of officers. I talked to Donald Bellcock and the Central Arkansas Chapter is off to a good start too. The Central Arkansas Chapter received the bronze award this year after receiving the platinum award the last two years. Don Bellcock and Bob Broughton are working on bring the chapter back to the platinum level.

Call for Nominations for National Leaders --You Are Invited to Accept the Challenge of AGA National and Regional Leadership, Due October 24, 2008

Nominations are due Friday, Oct. 24, 2008. AGA's National Nominating Committee is currently seeking members for volunteer leadership positions as:

- National President-Elect
- National Treasurer-Elect
- Senior Vice President for Regional Services - Section I & IV
- Fifteen Regional Vice Presidents (RVP)-Elect

Term

The three-year terms begin July 1, 2009.

Qualifications and Eligibility

To serve in any of these positions, candidates must be AGA members in good standing and have professional backgrounds for each position. Persons serving as National President, National President-Elect, National Treasurer, National Treasurer-Elect, Senior Vice President, and Regional Vice President may not serve concurrently in any other elective office of the Association, except the National Executive Committee. Other qualifications apply.

Submissions

All submissions will be forwarded to the National Nominating Committee who will choose the slate of candidates. Please note that since the committee often receives more than one nomination per position, not every nominee will be selected. Candidates for elective office are reminded that the National Bylaws do not permit campaigning for elective office. Additionally, only ONE nomination per candidate is necessary and candidates should not solicit additional nominations. Also, the process will not recognize endorsements of candidates.

For More Information

If you are interested in serving or know of potential leaders, please [visit our website](#) for a nominations brochure that contains information about position terms, qualifications and eligibility, a list of Sections/Regions/Chapters, and National Officer Nomination Form. Or, contact [Michiyo Wheeler](#), Nominating Committee Staff Liaison, at the National Office at 703.684.6931, ext. 321.

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape the future of your Association!

NEC Agenda: This gives you an idea of AGA's focus

National Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, September 12, 2008
Hotel Monaco – Athens Room
Alexandria, VA 22314

A. Service

1. Issues from Regions, Chapters and members - SVPRSs
2. Chapter Development/Expansion – Raymond Harris, CGFM
3. Membership Goals and Status – Relmond Van Daniker, DBA, CPA

B. Accountability

1. Emerging Issues – Anna Miller, MBA, CPA
2. Partnership for Intergovernmental Management and Accountability – Helena Sims
3. NECCC – Danielle Germain

C. Finance and Budget – Thad Juszczak

1. Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets
2. PDC 2008

D. Certification

1. Board Report- Dick Bunce, CGFM, Chair
 - a. Exam Update
 - b. Membership
 - c. Classes

E. Education & Research

1. AGA Academy Update– Evie Barry/John Radford, CGFM, CIA, CFE
2. AGA Sponsored Training Courses – Joe Jozefczyk
3. CPAG Research Update – Hank Steininger
4. Research Projects Update – Anna Miller

III. New Business

1. Radio Show

IV. Other

1. Discussion of Nomination Process